

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To provide an alkaline storage battery, a cobalt compound obtained by mixing a cobalt hydroxide powder and a sodium hydroxide powder and applying a heat treatment to the same in an atmosphere containing oxygen, a cobalt  
5 a cobalt compound obtained by adding a sodium hydroxide aqueous solution and an aqueous solution containing an oxidizing agent to a cobalt hydroxide powder, or a cobalt compound obtained by baking a cobalt hydroxide powder in an atmosphere containing oxygen is used. This provides cobalt compounds  
10 suitable for producing long-life and highly reliable alkaline storage batteries, methods for manufacturing the same, and positive electrode plates of alkaline storage batteries employing the same.

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